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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ITOYAMA, Koki et al Conf.:
Appl. No.: NEW Group:
Filed: August 2, 2001 Examiner:
For: FUNCTIONALIZED FIBER MATERIAL AND METHOD
FOR TREATING FIBER MATERIAL THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 2, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) The method for treating a fiber material according to claim 4, wherein a concentration of the ascorbic acid derivative which is hardly soluble in water contained in the emulsion is 0.05 to 10% by weight.